(b) if so, the details and purpose thereof;

(c) whether it is not a diversion from the non-alignment policy of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir. The three services have neither reached any agreement with the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) nor do they propose to do so.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Meeting of Indo-China Joint Working Group in Terrorism

5332. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Joint Working Group of India and China had met to deliberate upon counter terrorism measures;

(b) if so, the scope and framework of the dialogue;

(c) whether Pak cross-border terrorism also figured in the talks; and

(d) if so, the details of the action plan to combat terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) The first meeting of the annual India-China dialogue mechanism on counter terrorism was held in New Delhi on 23 April, 2002. Both sides shared their national experiences on dealing with the phenomenon of terrorism, exchanged views on the international counter terrorism situation including developments in the region, cooperation at the United Nations and possibilities of bilateral cooperation. Both sides agreed that the first meeting of the dialogue mechanism was useful in enhancing mutual understanding. The next round is expected to be held in Beijing early next year.

Educated unemployed youth in M.P.

5333. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youth registered in various employment exchanges in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;